

PROCLAMATION

IN RECOGNITION OF FIRST RESPONDERS DAY 2021

WHEREAS, professionals and volunteers, including law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical services, public works employees, 911 dispatchers, search and rescue teams, and other organizations in the public safety sector come together as first responders to protect and aid the public in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, first responders are our primary and best defense against all emergencies that threaten our communities; and

WHEREAS every day, first responders risk their own safety to protect others; and

WHEREAS, first responders are ready to come to the aid of those in the Town of Matthews around the clock; and

WHEREAS, first responders show courage and selfless concern for others as they carry out their duties; and

WHEREAS, first responders are highly-trained, specialized workers who contribute their excellent skills for the public good; with many first responders providing their services voluntarily; and

WHEREAS, members of first responder organizations undergo significant education and training, and make personal sacrifices to achieve the expertise required to provide aid in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, first responders maintain safety and order in times of crisis, volunteer in our communities and schools and are a vital part of every North Carolina community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John F. Higdon, Mayor of the Town of Matthews, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 28, 2021 as **FIRST RESPONDERS DAY** in the Town of Matthews. I urge all citizens to commemorate this day and offer acts of kindness and appreciation for first responders and provide them needed encouragement and support to confront the dangerous and uncertain situations they face every day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Matthews to be affixed this 25th day of October 2021.


Mayor John F. Higdon

